

SPOKES

The weekly newsletter of the Oshkosh Rotary Club

A Proud Tradition of Service Leadership

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March 1, 2010:

Call to Order: Larry Schultz, President
Prayer & Pledge: Kim Molitor
Today's Program: "Everything You Wanted to Know about Rotary District Conference but Were Afraid to Ask"
Today's Speakers: Wendy Hielsberg; Jim Chitwood; Jason Henderson.



CLUB MEETING LOCATION CHANGING EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2010:

Following up on the notice emailed or mailed to all club members last week by President Larry Schultz, you are reminded that our meeting location, **beginning with next week's meeting on Monday, March 1, 2010**, will be the City Center (the mall, not the hotel) Conference Room, with food and meeting services being provided by Becket's restaurant.

The most convenient parking is available in Becket's main parking lot, located off Jackson Street (at the foot of the bridge). Enter the building at the Becket's entrance, turn left at the atrium, and left again down the old Sears wing. The conference room will be on your right – or just follow the signs that will be there for us.

February 22, 2010:

Larry Schultz, President, opened the meeting and welcomed all Rotarians and guests. Kathy Markofski led the club in the opening prayer & pledge.

Before the introduction of visitors and guests, Larry Schultz led the club in applause of appreciation for Tina, our waitress here at the hotel, for her years of good service, on the last day of meeting here.

VISITORS AND GUESTS: *Introduced by Dan Schoenrock, Sergeant-at-Arms*

Southwest Rotary-	None.
Morning Rotary-	None.
Out of Town Visitors-	None.
Guests of Our Club-	Daniela Ayala (exchange student); Alex Posorske (student guest); Neal Weber (potential member).
Guests of Members-	Karen Johnston, guest of Sue Panek.

Dan Schoenrock reported that on this date in 1819, Spain ceded Florida to the US; in 1865, Tennessee adopted a new constitution abolishing slavery; and in 1980, in a stunning upset, the US Olympic hockey team defeated the Soviets at Lake Placid, NY. Today is the birthday of Drew Barrymore, who is 35. Historic birthdays: Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, in 1932, and George Washington, in 1732.

Today's humor: "Qualifying for Heaven": A teacher, a garbage collector and a lawyer wound up together at the gates of heaven. St. Peter informed them that to get admitted into heaven, they would each need to answer one question. The teacher's turn came first; St. Peter asked, "What was the name of the ship that crashed into the iceberg? They made a movie about it." The teacher answered, "The Titanic", and was invited through the gate. The garbage collector was next. St. Peter figured that heaven didn't really "need" the odors that might linger from the garbage, and decided to up the difficulty of the question. "How many people died in the Titanic tragedy?" Fortunately, the trash collector had seen the movie, and answered, "1,228". "That's right! You may enter." St. Peter then turned to the lawyer: "Name them." [Ed. note: on behalf of me and all of the other lawyers in the club - we object.]

FEBRUARY 50/50 RAFFLE:

Lori Renning announced that she had received two tickets to the "Hops & Props" event at EAA, courtesy of EAA's Matt Miller, and would sell additional raffle tickets for the next few minutes to add a second drawing today for the tickets. The February kitty, already at a healthy \$210, swelled to \$245. Kathy Propp was the lucky winner of \$122.50, which she announced she was donating to Polio Plus; Cathy Zimmerman won the Hops & Props tix.

GOOD NEWS/HAPPY DOLLARS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

(Contributions are made to Friends of the Oshkosh Senior Center and the Oshkosh Food Bank.)

- Cathy Zimmerman was happy to see an article in *The Northwestern* about our club's recent purchase of 3 "ShelterBoxes" to be sent to Haiti; funds are still growing towards a 4th. (Thanks to Karen Schibline and Michael Cooney for preparing the article.)
- Ken Arneson was proud of his 7th grade son's achievement in scoring 66 points for his team in a recent basketball game.
- Karen Schibline put \$\$ on the table both because of the recent article in *The Northwestern* about Josh Anderson's receipt of the Cliff Docterman award (which Karen prepared, although she didn't mention that fact), and because she's leaving shortly for holiday in Cozumel.
- Lori Renning celebrated son Brogan's 2nd birthday, last week Friday.
- Michael Cooney announced that he had one hard copy directory left; it was claimed during the meeting.
- Lurton Blassingame announced that the club had received a letter from Barb Herzog, as Chair of the SOAR (Special Opportunities for Artist Residencies) Board of Directors, thanking the club for the donation made from the Elmer Harvey Fund to the Carl Traeger Elementary School to support a "Voices of Africa" residency on February 26, 2010. This donation will permit approximately 500 students to benefit from this cultural experience.
- Lisa O'Halloran announced that information sheets about the exact location of next week's meeting, and parking info, are on each table today. Lisa and Sherry Lynch are planning to move our banners and other Rotary supplies immediately after today's meeting; if you can help carry things out, your assistance will be appreciated.

February 22, 2010 – MEETING REVIEW:

Speaker: Tom Willadsen
Title: "Dim Sum: My Experiences Teaching Contemporary Urban Issues"

Jeff Gilderson-Duwe introduced Tom Willadsen. Tom shared his experiences teaching a class in "Contemporary Urban Issues" at UWO last semester. He used a "dim sum" approach with the students – told them they would like some of what was presented during the class, and hate some – and invoked the "dim sum" mantra periodically throughout the semester in response to adverse reactions. He created budget-neutral (i.e. no cost) field trips for the students, involving exotic activities like walking off campus into different parts of the city, and riding public transportation – an experience 32 of his 35 member class had never had. Tom also acquainted us with some of his beliefs and observations about cities (e.g. "cities shape people and people shape cities"; "cities are designed to discourage walking" – the latter accompanied by a harrowing tale of Tom's attempts to cross 20th Street – at an alleged crosswalk - between Target and the battery store). We were enlightened, and it sounded like the students benefited from a class that, if not always to their liking, was never boring.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 6, 2010	"Rooms of Blooms" opens, continues Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays in March at the Paine; see www.thepaine.org for details.
March 20, 2010	"Season Finale: Reflections & Dances", Water City Chamber Orchestra, 7:30 pm, UWO Music Hall.
March 20, 2010	"Is Oshkosh Smarter than a 5 th Grader?", Oshkosh Area United Way fundraiser, 4-6 pm, at Lourdes High School.
April 9, 2010	Oshkosh Area United Way "Day of Caring", 7:30 am to noon.
April 29, 2010	"Power of the Purse" Luncheon of The Women's Fund of the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation, 11:45am -1pm at EAA, guest speaker: Erin Brockovich.
May 14-16, 2010	Rotary District 6270 Conference, Green Bay, details at www.catchtherotaryball.org
June 20-23, 2010	Rotary International Convention, Montreal, Quebec, CA, details at the RI website, link from ours.

	FUTURE MEETINGS:	PRAYER & PLEDGE/GREETER:
March 1	Rotary District Conference – "Everything You Wanted to Know but were Afraid to Ask"	Kim Molitor
March 8	What's New at The Paine Art Center & Gardens	Cheryl Pawlosky
March 15	In the Beginning There Were 4: American Helicopter History	John Nichols

4-Way Test:

Tom Willadsen led the club in the Four-Way Test to conclude the meeting.

*Message from the editor: Like my predecessor, I am shorthand-challenged. I apologize for any errors when reporting announcements, good news, happy dollars, etc. It would be helpful, and reduce my reporting errors, if you would email or provide me a hand-written copy of the information that you would like to see in **Spokes**. Thanks for your cooperation. – Alyson Zierdt*

Four Avenues of Service

The term "Four Avenues of Service" refers to the four elements of the Object of Rotary: Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service and International Service.

Although the Avenues of Service are not found in any formal part of the constitutional documents of Rotary, many Rotarians use this concept to describe the primary areas of Rotary activity.

Club Service involves all of the necessary activities Rotarians perform to make their club function successfully. Things like taking attendance, keeping records and raising money come under this Avenue of Service.

Vocational Service describes the opportunity each Rotarian has to represent the dignity and utility of one's vocation to the other members of the club, as well as the responsibility of the club to undertake projects related to such areas as career planning, vocational training, and the promotion of high ethical standards in the workplace.

Community Service pertains to those activities that Rotarians undertake to improve the quality of life in their community. It frequently involves assistance to youth, the aged, the disabled, and others who look to Rotary as a source of hope for a better life. When we are volunteer readers at South Park School, when the club pays to send grade school students to the symphony, when we raise money for the Literacy Council we walk this Avenue of Service.


The Fourth Avenue of Service, International Service, describes the many programs and activities that Rotarians undertake to advance international understanding, goodwill, and peace. International service projects are designed to meet humanitarian needs of people in many lands. Our most obvious international service are our connections with the orphanage in La Molina, Peru, and the school building project in KwaZulu Natal, South Africa. So even here in Oshkosh we are working internationally through the connection of Rotary.

When a Rotarian understands and travels down the Four Avenues of Service, the Object of Rotary takes on an even greater meaning.

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R-O-T-A-R-Y
That spells Rotary!

R-O-T-A-R-Y
Is known on land and sea!
From North to South

From East to West
(S)he profits most
Who serves the best
R-O-T-A-R-Y
That spells Rotary

2009-2010 Leadership

Rotary International

John Kenny, **President**
Learn more at www.rotary.org

District 6270 Officers

William Wresch, **District Governor**
Paul Decker, **District Governor-Elect**
Nancy Rhodes, **District Governor-Nominee**

Oshkosh Rotary Board:

Club Officers:

Larry Schultz, **President**
Teresa Van Aacken, **President-Elect**
Lisa O'Halloran, **President-Nominee**
Sherry Lynch, **Secretary**
James Stahl, **Treasurer**
Dan Schoenrock, **Sergeant at Arms**
Steve Schmuldach, **Past President**

Club Directors:

Directors serve three-year terms. The Board meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:30 a.m.

- Steve Arndt (2010)
- Casey Zaniewski (2010)
- Alyson Zierdt (2010)
- Paul Narveson (2011)
- John Schatz (2011)
- Bill Bracken (2011)
- Jeff Gilderson-Duwe (2012)
- Petra Roter (2012)
- Karen Schibline (2012)

Key Contacts

Alyson Zierdt, **Spokes editor**
Lori Renning, **Fundraising director**
W. Robert Bruce, **Pianist**

Four Areas of Service (Directors)

- Club Service**
To be determined.
- Community Service**
To be determined.
- Vocational Service**
To be determined.
- International Service**
To be determined.

**Oshkosh Rotary Club
Past District Governors**

- Cathy Zimmerman (2003-2004)
- John Kerrigan (1999-2000)
- A. John Wiley (1994-1995)
- Charles F. Nolan (1972-1973)
- Frederick L. Caudle (1965-1966)
- George Nevitt (1952-1953)
- Jasper Lockart (1933-1934)

meeting **make-up** schedule

To view all District 6270 club schedules, visit www.Rotary6270.com or visit www.RotaryClubOne.org to make up a meeting at any time.

Monday	7:15 a.m.	Appleton Breakfast	Riverview Country Club
Monday	Noon	Fond du Lac	Holiday Inn
Monday	5:30 p.m.	Berlin	Berlin Family Restaurant
Tuesday	12:10 p.m.	Appleton	Paper Valley Hotel
Wednesday	Noon	Oshkosh Southwest	Robbins
Wednesday	Noon	Menasha	Waverly Beach
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	Fond du Lac Morning	Ramada Hotel
Thursday	Noon	Neenah	Valley Inn
Friday	7:00 a.m.	Oshkosh Morning	City Center Hotel
Friday	Noon	Appleton West	Holiday Inn

Rotary 4-Way Test

- 1** Is it the TRUTH?
- 2** Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- 3** Will it build GOOD WILL and better FRIENDSHIPS?
- 4** Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

